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SUBJ: INTER-ARAB AUTHORITY FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
AND INVESTMENT

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ARAB FUND OFFICIAL ON SUDAN

AGRICULTURE PROJECT (SEPTTEL, NOTAL) EMBOFF LEARNED THAT ARAB STATES ARE WORKING ON PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN INTER-ARAB AUTHORITY FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT (IAAADI). BASIC PREPARATORY WORK IS BEING DONE IN KUWAIT AT ARAB FUND HEAD-QUARTERS WITH A VIEW TOWARD INVITING ARAB STATES TO BECOME FOUNDING MEMBERS OF NEW ORGANIZATION BY SIGNING MULTILATERAL TREATY IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. ORGANIZATION WILL BE INDEPENDENT OF ARAB LEAGUE AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH EXISTING KHARTOUM-BASED ARAB AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (AADO) WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH ARAB LEAGUE.

2. ACCORDING TO ARAB FUND OFFICIAL IAAADI IS OUTGROWTH OF ARAB FUND'S EXPERIENCE WITH ITS MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR SUDAN AGRICULTURE PROJECT. IN SUDAN PROJECT AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY WILL BE CREATED TO MANAGE WHAT WILL BE A VAST AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. IAAADI TREATY WILL PROVIDE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO CREATE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. APPARENTLY THERE WILL BE IAAADI "COMMISSIONS" IN EACH COUNTRY WHERE AN IAAADI AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS BEING PLANNED OR IMPLEMENTED. AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES DISTINGUISHING IAAADI FROM AADO.

3. NOT CLEAR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO PREPARE BASIC IAAADI TREATY OR FOR IT TO ENTER INTO FORCE. HOWEVER, ARAB FUND HOPES TO BE ABLE SOON TO OFFER "PROSPECTUS" TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS WHICH WOULD INVITE THEM TO BECOME FOUNDING MEMBERS. FIRST IAAADI COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO OPERATE IN SUDAN. IN SUDAN AND ELSEWHERE IAAADI COMMISSIONS COULD BECOME SIGNIFICANT VEHICLES FOR CHANNELLING SURPLUS ARAB FUNDS INTO AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN ARAB WORLD.

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